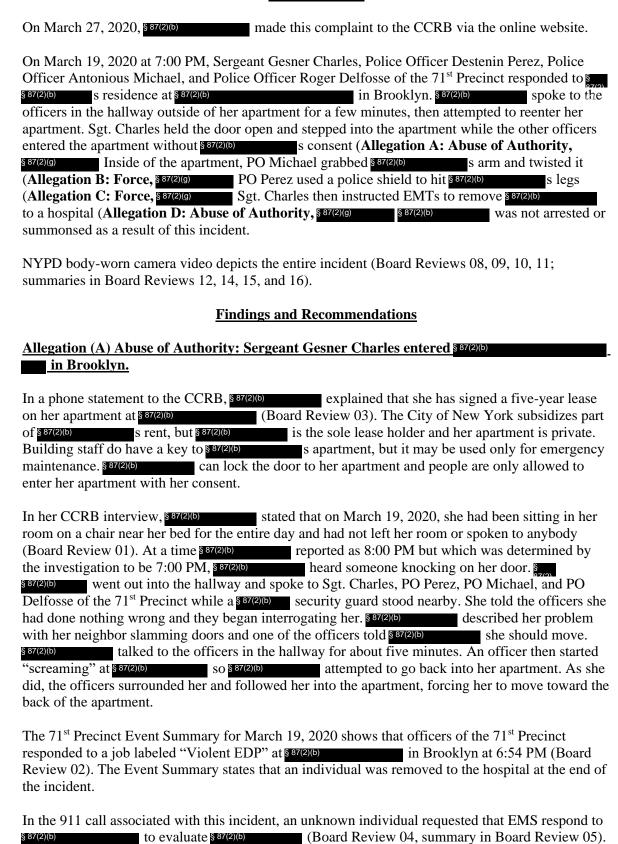
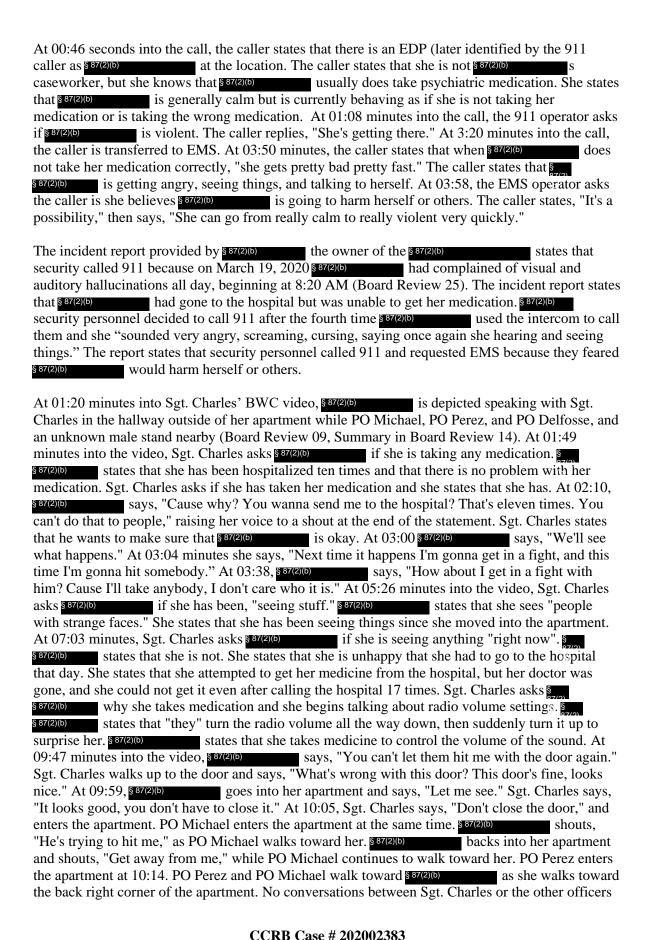
## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	<b>V</b>	Force		Discourt.		U.S.
Sylvia Davidovicz		Squad #12	202002383		Abuse		O.L.		Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Pı	recinct:	18	Mo. SOL	]	EO SOL
Thursday, 03/19/2020 7:00 PM		§ 87(2)(b)			71	9/	/19/2021	4	5/6/2022
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	:	Date/Time	Rece	eived at CCI	RB	
Fri, 03/27/2020 12:53 PM	Fri, 03/27/2020 12:53 PM		CCRB On-line website		Fri, 03/27/2020 12:53 PM				
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ss						
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. SGT Gesner Charles	03036	925061	071 PCT						
2. POM Destenin Perez	08751	966267	071 PCT						
3. POM Antonious Michael	11215	960942	071 PCT						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. POM Roger Delfosse	14900	955863	071 PCT						
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	estiga	ator Recon	nme	ndation
A.SGT Gesner Charles	Abuse: Sergeant Gesner Charles entered , in Brooklyn.								
B.POM Antonious Michael	Force: Police Officer Antonious Michael used physical force against \$87(2)(b)								
C.POM Destenin Perez	Force: Police Officer Destenin Perez struck (887(2)) with a police shield.								
D.SGT Gesner Charles	Abuse: Sergeant Gesner Charles forcibly removed to the hospital.								

## **Case Summary**



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and §87(2)(b) staff are depicted in this video.

At 10:29 minutes into PO Perez's BWC video (Board Review 10, Summary in Board Review 15), walks into her apartment from the hallway slowly appears to try to close the door behind herself. At 10:32, Sgt. Charles leans into the doorway and the door stops closing. His hands are not depicted. At 10:35 minutes into the video, Sgt. Charles forces the door open all the way and walks into the apartment with the inward-opening door at his back. PO Michael is the second officer to walk into the apartment and PO Perez is the third.

In his CCRB interview (Board Review 17), Sgt. Charles stated that the original 911 job only stated that §87(2)(b) was a "violent EDP" and did not include any other information. Sgt. Charles may have spoken to front desk staff before speaking to \$87(2)(b) but he could not recall what they said. Sgt. Charles went to § 87(2)(b) s apartment and spoke with \$87(2)(b) hallway. After he had spoken to \$87(2)(b) for a few minutes outside of her apartment, attempted to go back inside of the apartment and close the door on the officers Sgt. Charles put his foot in the doorway to stop the door from closing. Sgt. Charles then walked into the apartment. Sgt. Charles stated that he walked into the apartment because he did not want to injure herself. When the undersigned investigator asked Sgt. Charles if he believed was going to harm herself at the time that Sgt. Charles chose to enter the apartment, Sgt. Charles said, "Yeah, perhaps, maybe, I don't know." When asked why he believed that, Sgt. Charles said, "She's an EDP [emotionally disturbed person] though." During his CCRB interview, Sgt. Charles stated that he had interacted with \$87(2)(b) prior to March 19, 2020 but could not describe any one incident. These past interactions had involved \$87(2)(6) failing to take her medication and being removed to a hospital as a result. §87(2)(b) had never been violent toward officers or civilians during any of her past interactions with Sgt. Charles. had never harmed herself during any of her past interactions with Sgt. Charles. Sgt. Charles did not believe that § 87(2)(b) had any history of harming herself.

In his CCRB interview, PO Michael stated that he believed that \$87(2)(b) was a threat to her own safety because \$87(2)(b) had complained of hearing voices, PO Michael was unsure about whether had taken her medication, and the original 911 call had stated that was an "EDP" (Board Review 18).

In his CCRB interview, PO Perez stated that he and the other officers entered \$87(2)(b) as a partment because the job described \$87(2)(b) as a violent emotionally disturbed person, and they feared that if she was left alone in her apartment she would harm herself or find an object that could be used as a weapon against the officers (Board Review 19). PO Perez stated that \$27(2)(b) had shouted that this incident would be "the last time" and that she was going to "do something about it" before attempting to go back into her apartment, causing PO Perez to believe that she might have intended to harm herself or others. PO Perez stated that Sgt. Charles had made the decision that the officers would enter the apartment.

<u>Patrol Guide</u> Procedure 221-13 defines an emotionally disturbed person as "A person who appears to be mentally ill or temporarily deranged and is conducting himself in a manner which a police officer reasonably believes is likely to result in serious injury to himself or others" (Board Review 24).

In *People v. DePaula*, 179 A.D.2d 424 (1<sup>st</sup> Dep't 1992), the court determined that in a case where officers responded to a report of shots fired inside an apartment and where the defendant had initially answered the door to speak to police and then attempted to shut the door, officers were justified in forcing the door open to enter the apartment (Board Review 26). The court determined

that, based on the information available to the officers, the officers had reason to believe that the individual at the door or another individual potentially inside of the apartment was either in danger or a threat to others, and that the emergency exception to the search warrant requirement applied to their entry of the apartment.

§ 87(2)(g)
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Allegation (B) Force: Police Officer Antonious Michael used physical force against \$87(2)(b)
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It is undisputed that PO Michael grabbed §87(2)(b) by her arm or wrist inside of §3.
§ 87(2)(b) s apartment.
In her CCRB interview, §87(2)(b) stated that after the officers entered her apartment, they
surrounded her as she tried to walk away from them. §87(2)(b) stated that PO Michael
grabbed her by both of her hands and "twisted and bent" her wrists and hands for about five
minutes. § 87(2)(b) stated that PO Michael then pushed her against a wall. § 87(2)(b)
was unable to describe PO Michael's twisting of her wrists in more detail. In her follow up
statement, \$87(2)(b) stated that PO Michael grabbing her wrists caused pain, swelling, and
bruising to her hands, wrists, and arms that lasted for about a week after the incident. The undersigned investigator requested photographs of \$87(2)(b) are similar injuries, but \$87(2)(b)
did not provide them.
and not provide them.
At 10:49 minutes into PO Perez's BWC video, \$87(2)(b) is depicted standing in her kitchen
with the officers. \$87(2)(b) reaches for a kitchen cabinet and PO Michael grabs \$37(2)
s right wrist or arm with one or both of his hands and pull her away from the kitchen.
At 10:52 minutes, PO Michael releases \$87(2)(b) s arm. He is not depicted touching \$100.
again. At 12:06 minutes into PO Perez's BWC video, \$87(2)(b) says, "We're not

off to a good start because he just grabbed me." Due to the lighting inside \$87(2)(6) says apartment and the angle of the camera, PO Michael's BWC video does not clearly depict PO Michael's hands at the moment he grabs \$37(2)(b) wrist. In his CCRB interview, PO Michael stated that when he entered § 87(2)(b) s apartment, § 87(2)(6) walked toward the kitchen area of her apartment. § 87(2)(6) then began reaching toward something in the kitchen area. PO Michael responded by grabbing one of \$87(2)(6) wrists and moving § 87(2)(b) away from the kitchen toward a chair near the opposite wall. PO Michael estimated that he held onto \$87(2)(b) s wrist for about two seconds before letting go. PO Michael stated that he had received specialized training for responding to calls involving potentially-violent emotionally disturbed people. PO Michael had been instructed to keep these individuals away from kitchen because kitchens generally contain knives. PO Michael could not recall if he saw any knives in §87(2)(b) s kitchen at the time of the incident. PO Michael did not recall hearing § 87(2)(b) complain of any pain caused by his grabbing her wrist during the incident. In his CCRB interview, PO Perez stated that §87(2)(b) initially went toward her bed when the officers entered the apartment. When an officer asked §87(2)(6) a question about the medications she was taking, \$87(2)(b) walked toward the kitchen and attempted to open one of her kitchen cabinets. PO Perez stated that PO Michael grabbed § 37(2)(b) s arm to prevent her from opening the cabinet and moved her away from the kitchen area, holding onto s arm for a few seconds. PO Perez stated that there was nothing visible in the kitchen that could have been used as a weapon. PO Perez stated that he had been trained to prevent anyone labeled as a "violent EDP" from gaining access to potential weapons. PO Perez stated he believed it was possible that there was a knife or other potential weapon in the cabinet \$87(2)(0) open. PO Perez never heard \$87(2)(b) state that she was in pain as a result of PO Michael's actions. Patrol Guide Procedure 221-13 states, "Members of the service will use only the reasonable force necessary to gain control or custody of a subject," when dealing with people classified as emotionally disturbed.

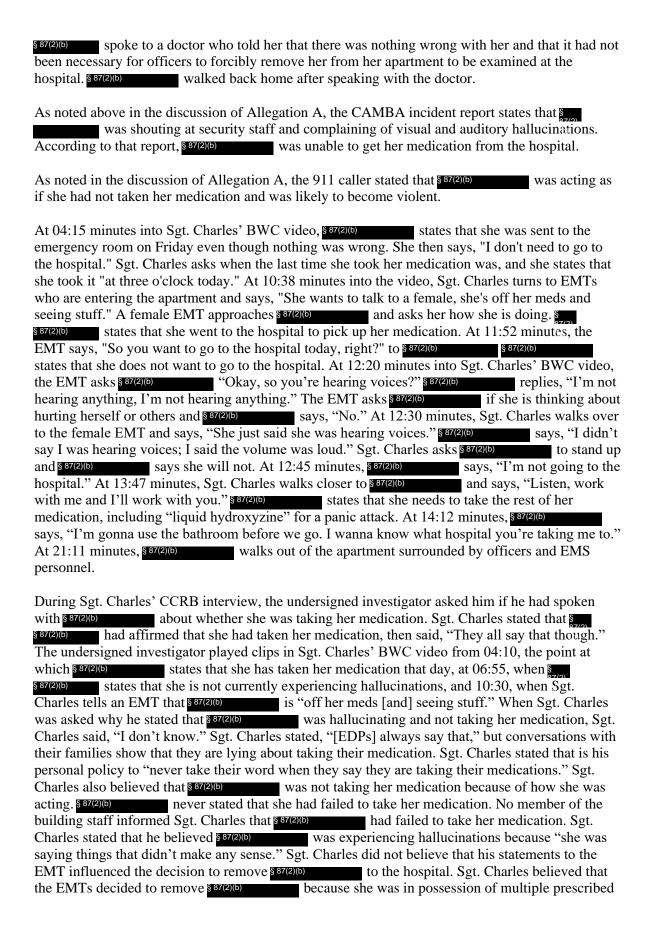
In her CCRB interview and follow-up statement, \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ stated that PO Perez pushed a police shield into her knee while the side of her body was pushed against a wall at the back-left corner of the apartment. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ stated that she held her arms down at her sides while PO Perez pushed her. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ described the amount of force that PO Perez used to push her as a seven on a scale from one to ten. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ stated that she did not say anything when PO Perez pushed her.

Allegation (C) Force: Police Officer Destenin Perez struck § 87(2)(b)

shield.

with a police

At 10:50 minutes into PO Michael's BWC video, PO Perez is depicted grabbing \$87(2)(b) s left arm with his right hand as she attempts to open a kitchen cabinet. The police shield is not in PO Perez's right hand. PO Perez's left arm is down at his side and the police shield is not visible. At 10:54 minutes into the video, PO Perez releases \$87(2)(b) s left arm. The police shield is never depicted making contact with \$87(2)(b) s body. At 11:00 minutes, PO Perez places his police shield on the floor, leaning it against a wall.
In his CCRB interview, PO Perez stated that he was equipped with a police shield during the incident because the call was labeled "Violent EDP." PO Perez stated that the NYPD had a policy stating that when officers responded to calls labeled "Violent EDP," one of the responding officers should be equipped with a police shield. PO Perez stated that he did not strike or push strike or push with the shield and the shield did not touch strike or push during the incident. PO Perez stated that \$87(2)(b) did not complain of having been struck by the police shield during the incident.
In their CCRB interviews, both Sgt. Charles and PO Michael stated that they could not recall if PO Perez had any physical interaction with \$87(2)(5) inside of her apartment.
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation (D) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Gesner Charles forcibly removed 887(2)(5) to the hospital.
It is undisputed that \$87(2)(b) was removed to \$87(2)(b) on the night of \$87(2)(b) on the night of \$87(2)(b) was not restrained and walked out of her apartment to an ambulance with officers and EMTs.
In her CCRB interview, \$87(2)(b) stated that, while PO Michael was still holding and twisting her wrists, EMS personnel arrived and entered her apartment. When \$87(2)(b) saw the EMTs, she shouted that she wanted a woman to talk to her. PO Michael then let go of her wrists and allowed her to sit down. During her CCRB interview, \$87(2)(b) first stated that officers threatened to forcibly restrain her, then stated that the female EMT threatened to restrain her. \$87(2)(b) gathered her things and left the apartment with the EMTs and officers after they threatened to restrain her if she did not leave with them. \$87(2)(b) was taken to \$87(2)(



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psychiatric medications. Sgt. Charles then stated that a person was classified as an EDP based on their actions and not only on the medications they possessed. Sgt. Charles stated that he believed that it was probably up to EMS personnel to determine whether \$37(2)(5) was removed to the hospital in this situation.

In his CCRB interview, PO Perez stated that, in situations like this one, both EMS and the police supervisor on the scene play a role in determining whether an individual is removed to a hospital. In PO Perez's experience, the supervisor decides whether an individual requires hospitalization and EMS personnel will generally agree with the supervisor and hospitalize the individual.

and decided that \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ required evaluation at a hospital. PO Michael could not remember if any members of service spoke with the EMTs. PO Michael could not recall any of what the EMTs said to \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ but did remember that \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ repeatedly stated that the did not want to go to the hospital. PO Michael stated in his CCRB interview that EMS personnel and not police officers generally decide whether an individual needs to be removed to a mospital.
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## **Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories**

•	§ 87(2)(b)	as been party to one other CCR	B complaint in	which she w	as named	as a
	victim in one al	gation.				

- Sgt. Charles has been a member of service for 21 years and has been a subject in seven
- Sgt. Charles has been a member of service for 21 years and has been a subject in seven previous complaints and 12 allegations, six of which were substantiated.
  - 202111897 involved substantiated allegations of a vehicle search [887(4-5) 887(2)[9]

    The board recommended command discipline for both and the NYPD imposed no discipline for either allegation.
  - 201802489 involved two substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct and one substantiated allegation of verbal discourtesy. The board recommended Command Discipline B for all substantiated allegations and the NYPD imposed Command Discipline B for all allegations.
  - 2018010384 involved substantiated allegations of a retaliatory summons and a threat of arrest. The board recommended Command Discipline B and the NYPD imposed Formalized Training.

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- PO Perez has been a member of service for two years and this is the first CCRB complaint to which he has been a subject.
- PO Michael has been a member of service for five years and has been a subject in four CCRB complaints and six allegations, none of which were substantiated. §87(2)(9)

## **Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories**

• As of 1	declined med [[§\$ 86(1)(9)8(4)] [§ 87(2)(6)]  March 23, 2021, no not l Review 22).	diation.  tices of claim have been filed in 1	relation to this incident
Squad No.:			
Investigator:	Sylvia Davidovicz Signature	Inv. Sylvia Davidovicz Print Title & Name	04/07/2021 Date
Squad Leader:	Carlmais Johnson Signature	IM Carlmais Johnson Print Title & Name	April 7, 2021 Date
Reviewer:	Signature	Print Title & Name	 Date